

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

February 2, 2007

## Message From County Executive Walker

*Brett Favre is back with the Packers. While that is the best news of the year, there are plenty of other great things happening throughout Milwaukee County.*

*General Mitchell International Airport finished the year with a record number of passengers. Parks saw nearly 400,000 rounds of golf (including some 3,000 in December). The Zoo opened the Florence Mila Borchert Big Cat Country and the Miller Brewing Company Giraffe Experience opened in 2006.*

*Looking ahead, great things are happening in 2007. New projects are on-line at the Zoo. The Parks System will celebrate its 100th anniversary. New improvements in services are coming through the use of technology. I am excited about the new year and will outline our vision for the future in the State of the County address on the 19th.*

**Scott**

## Courthouse Goes Red To Fight Heart Disease For Women



On Thursday night, the west side of the courthouse was lit with red lights to call attention to the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day on Friday. The event is designed to call attention to the number one killer of women – heart disease. County Executive Walker was joined by Terese Beauchamp of Aurora Health Care and Ann Marie Carter of the American Heart Association at a press conference Thursday evening to light the building and to encourage everyone to wear red on Friday.

The national Go Red For Women campaign is an educational program to educate women on the risks of heart disease and to provide practical solutions to address this issue. For more information on the Go Red For Women campaign, call 1-888-MY-HEART or go to [www.GoRedForWomen.org](http://www.GoRedForWomen.org).



## **General Mitchell International Airport Breaks Record...Again**

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker announced this week that Mitchell International Airport finished the year with an all-time high number of passengers. For the year 2006, the passenger total is a record 7,299,294, a 0.43 percent increase over the 7,268,000 passengers using Mitchell in 2005.

According to Walker, "Southeastern Wisconsin's strong and growing economy, along with an increased number of flights to popular business and leisure destinations at competitive airfares has continued to grow Mitchell at a rate far beyond the national average."

With the completion of some of the renovation projects at Mitchell, the airport is easier to navigate and more comfortable for our passengers. Travelers are increasingly choosing the ease of Mitchell over the congestion of O'Hare.

## **Walker To Hold State of County Address At Zoo**

County Executive Scott Walker will hold his 2007 State of the County address on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Look for a special State of the County issue of the Executive Update soon for more details on the event.

## **Board Approves Walker Cabinet Appointments**

On Thursday, The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve two of County Executive Scott Walker's cabinet appointments.

Cynthia Archer is the new Fiscal and Budget Administrator, responsible for the county's budget process.

Greg Gracz is the new Director of Labor Relations and will be the county's chief negotiator with the labor unions representing Milwaukee County employees.

## **Zoo's Resident Groundhog Set To Make Weather Prediction**



Walnut, the Milwaukee County Zoo's resident groundhog, made her annual weather prediction this morning. She saw her shadow, which according to folklore, means that we will have 6 more weeks of winter....Sorry!